

\$60,000 MONUMENT PLANNED FOR L. A.



Awarded a special medal for artistic merit, "The Spirit of Columbia," an eighteen-foot monument, in cast bronze and on a granite base, will soon stand as a patriotic shrine in Pershing Square, Los Angeles. Endorsed by the Los Angeles County Council of the American Legion, Civil War Veterans, the Municipal Art Commission and numerous other civic groups, the memorial depicts a Civil War Infantryman receiving homage, and will be executed by Alexander Finta, world-famous sculptor and winner of 36 public monument competitions. Above, examining a model of the statue are, from left to right, Wallace L. Ware, prominent Los Angeles attorney and former Chairman of the State Railroad Commission; W. W. Thomas, 101 year old Adjutant of John F. Godfrey Civil War Veteran's Post of Pasadena; Alexander Finta, the artist; Joe Crail, prominent Los Angeles patriotic and civic leader, and Colonel Charles F. Hutchins, President of the Civil War Memorial Association.

Studies Law, Wins His Freedom



Because he studied law after sentence to Washington State Penitentiary in 1927 as habitual criminal, John Blake, 42, left, won his freedom from Seattle Court through legal flaws in his conviction on robbery charge. Shown with him is Attorney Jacob Kalina, who aided in final steps.

1914 Fashion Picture Now Being Repeated Because It's War Again

Any man who remembers what women wore in the last world war days — split skirts, disclosing either a froth of lace, or preferably, a shapely calf; hobbles, "peplums," wrap-around coats and hip-swathings—is moved to wonder these days just what war has to do with women's clothes.

For the 1914 fashion picture is repeated in 1941, for no other reason, apparently, than that it's wartime again.

What did you, the average man, expect in the way of women's wear for war days? The soldier's uniform, maybe? The flannel suits and polished snub-toed shoes? Sack coats and stetson hats? Sam Browne belts and leather gloves? Well, that's exactly right, only the parade is longer than you think. It begins 'mid 1914's shot and shell and leaps from there to here.

There are the same split skirts of an earlier war day. Long, fear skirts on dinner and evening dresses, pulled tight as a mummy's skin, longitudinally speaking, and split from ankle to knee so a girl can get about.

There are the harem skirts, some with pulled-up drapery fronts, making them flare out at the hips in the old peg-top fashion. Don't laugh. The lady of your choice may be wearing one the next time you take her out, with your orchids pinned at her midriff.

If you expected things to be simple you must guess again. There are 1914 "peplums." That's a more or less hip-length skirt, flaring out stiffly over the dress, and no matter what the designers say, adding breadth to the hip.

There are short capes sticking out stiffly all 'round and studded with bright little disks called "pallettes." The experts thought, call it "drama in dress." There are peek-a-boo waists again. And if you're wondering how things under them stay up without shoulder straps — well, it's planned that way.

There's coats. Shoes and stockings and shoulder-length gloves in brilliant hues. Wheel! There are muffs. There are coats to be wrapped around and held that way on account of there are no fastenings.

Just why 1941, a war year, should bring a fashion throw-back to 1914, another war year, isn't just clear. What is important is men's reaction to their reincarnation. For whether the dictate is hobble skirts, hoop-skirts or sarongs, women dress for men's approval and want it most awfully.

How Civilian Defense Plans Apply to You

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the past, for the most part, wars meant that armies faced armies, the civilian population encountered only the fringes of war. Today that is changed. We have seen that the horrors of war are not confined to a more or less stable front. First, it was the airplane. Then came the war on wheels and caterpillars. Death and destruction followed for civilians as war came to their front doors. As a result, the whole defensive and protective setup had to be changed to meet those tactics. Today, in the United States, the Office of Civilian Defense, directed by F. H. LaGuardia, is taking the necessary steps for the protection of civilians. In this article, Charles R. Page, regional director of Civilian Defense for the Ninth Area, tells how civilian defense concerns you.

By CHARLES R. PAGE, Regional Director of Civilian Defense for the Ninth Area.

The activities of the Office of Civilian Defense are concerned primarily with the protection of lives and property in the event of enemy attack. Whether or not we regard danger to the lives and the property of our people as imminent, the time has come to take every precaution to this end. Every one should be aware by now that a war, as it is waged, has no boundaries. It spills over every place, bringing death and destruction.

The United States has always been a peace-loving nation, but there are forces loose in the world that make it necessary for this nation to guard itself. There is a great deal more to national defense than the equipping of an army and a navy. The nation also must have a well-trained, smooth-operating Civilian Defense organization. There is no substitute for preparedness, military or civilian.

Let me sketch briefly some of the activities of those who will engage in civilian defense protection work.

FIRE DEFENSE: For this we must have men of action. Fighting incendiary bombs is a duty in which all able-bodied citizens must be trained.

RESCUE PARTIES: This work calls for men with specialized training. They must be able to rescue those trapped in debris, to extinguish fires and to shut off gas, electric, water, and other broken lines.

AIR RAID WARDENS: Men of cool efficiency are required for this job. It is their duty to observe showing lights during a blackout and take steps to have them darkened, to direct persons to shelter, to report fallen bombs, to detect and report presence of gas, to administer first aid, to report fires and to assist in the fighting of incendiary bombs. Air raid wardens should not be confused with aircraft warning observers who are being trained in spotting airplanes, a job calling for alertness and sound judgment.

AUXILIARY POLICE: Men of good character and physique are required for this branch of civilian defense. It is planned to use such a force under the direction of present police forces. Such a force could be used to guard key points.

BOMB SQUADS: As England knows, this is one of the most dangerous of civilian defense jobs. The disposal of delayed-action bombs or duds is ticklish work. These squads are expected to be built around the bomb squads of the various police departments.

GAS DETECTION: Selected officers with special training will be in charge of this type of civilian defense.

There are but a few of civilian defense activities. Others include medical services, demolition, sewer, main, road and emergency repairs; decontamination, shelter construction and operation, coordination of utilities, emergency feeding and housing, evacuation, and education.

Those engaged in the preliminary work of civilian defense — the governors of the states in the Ninth Civilian Defense area, the Volunteer Participation Committee for the area, the state and local Defense Councils, and many others — have accomplished much. There is much more to do, for it is the biggest job that this nation has ever been called on to do. But I believe that the people of this nation are geared to do it. It must be done. Soon every man and woman will have the opportunity. I know they await this opportunity.

Life begins at 40 only for those who drive under 60.

"Rudolf Hess," wrote one foreign correspondent, "looks exactly like a typical Irishman." And then, no doubt, he ducked.

BANK REVIEW NOTES RECORD BUSINESS GAIN

General business activity in California and the Far West skyrocketed to another all-time high during August, according to Bank of America's Business Review for the month, just released. Rising to 143.6 per cent of its 1935-39 average, the bank's Far Western Business Index showed a gain of 3.4 per cent over July's record high of 138.9, and a gain of 30 per cent over a year ago.

"Virtually every line of business reported increased activity, as Mars continued to crack the whip, driving American industry to new efforts and pouring new millions into the western business structure," the review commented.

"Increased purchasing power, coupled with fears of rising prices, shortages, and installment credit curbs, resulted in sending retail sales zooming skyward," the review continues. "Independent retailers of seven western states reported sales of seven per cent above July and 25 per cent above August, 1940, while department store sales showed a gain of 34 per cent over last year."

Construction figures quoted in the review reveal that while non-residential building continued to gain, home construction is tapering off after a summer of high activity, "probably due to higher costs and scarcity of building materials." Nevertheless, total construction in the 12th Federal Reserve District rose from \$133,700,000 in July to \$147,700,000 in August.

Smetona, Lithuania's exiled president, lives in a log cabin in Michigan, pretty well convinced that obscurity has its points.

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Discharged Enlisted Men Must Register

Enlisted men discharged from the regular army must register immediately for selective service if they are within the draft bracket, Brig. Gen. Joseph O. Donovan, state selective service director, announced today.

Donovan explained the selective service and training act provides that "every man coming within the draft age, but who has served in the armed forces of the United States, be required to present himself for and submit to registration before a local board when a change in his status removes him from such group."

Orders from national selective service headquarters provide, however, such discharged enlisted men, subject to induction under the selective service act, may volunteer for enlistment in the national guard of the state in which they reside or in the enlisted reserve corps.

Defense Aerial Photos Used as Exhibit for Drainage Project

Industrial plants within the drainage area of Laguna Dominguez and Dominguez channel have been outlined on National Defense aerial photos and prepared for submission to the Public Works Administration in connection with an application for federal funds for flood control measures to relieve the entire area, it was learned this week from flood control district engineers.

Excavation of the channel upstream from the north line of the Richfield Dominguez refinery is progressing steadily since it was started July 25, and was about 30 per cent completed at the start of September. The aerial photos show in special marking the aviation plants in the drainage district, and steel and airplane accessory plants are indicated as well.

Right of way agents have completed the preparation of topography maps for appraisers who will evaluate the land to be taken for the enlarged channel between Redondo Beach boulevard and Rosecrans avenue. On another link, between Avalon boulevard and Chico street, a special study had to be made of a lower line owned by the city of Los Angeles.

Engineering studies from Arlington street to the north line of Alondra Park also have been made by the right of way division of the department.

An eight ounce baby was born in London. Maybe nature is taking care of the bombing problem by making the targets smaller.

Stanger to Make Water Purchases

Purchases of materials, supplies and equipment for the Torrance Municipal Water District hereafter will be made by Superintendent William H. Stanger, it was voted by city council at its meeting last Friday. The action was taken to save time required to route such purchases through the city purchasing agent, City Engineer Glenn Jain, it was explained. Stanger was also authorized to attend the state convention of water producers to be held in Fresno this month.

By the time the Federal government harvests all of its revenue, the pickings of the local governments may be mighty slim.

Has anyone thought of extending the Texas to New York pipeline on to Liverpool and really balking those Nazi submarines?

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